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Wealth is ours . . .

For years
we have been
the unconscious beneficiaries
of innumerable gifts,
not baubles carved
by adroit craftsmen,

but attitudes of mind
carefully introduced
and nurtured.

Now,
we are the seekers
of elegance rather
than luxury,
and followers
of refinement rather
than fashion.

The hours
spent in class

represent more to us
than just college credits;
they have strengthened
the foundation of
our way of life.

The success
of our athletic endeavors
is based
not on the games won,
but on the friendships fostered.
Intangibles
we do not attempt to measure,
but treasure them
to nurture
their full fruit.

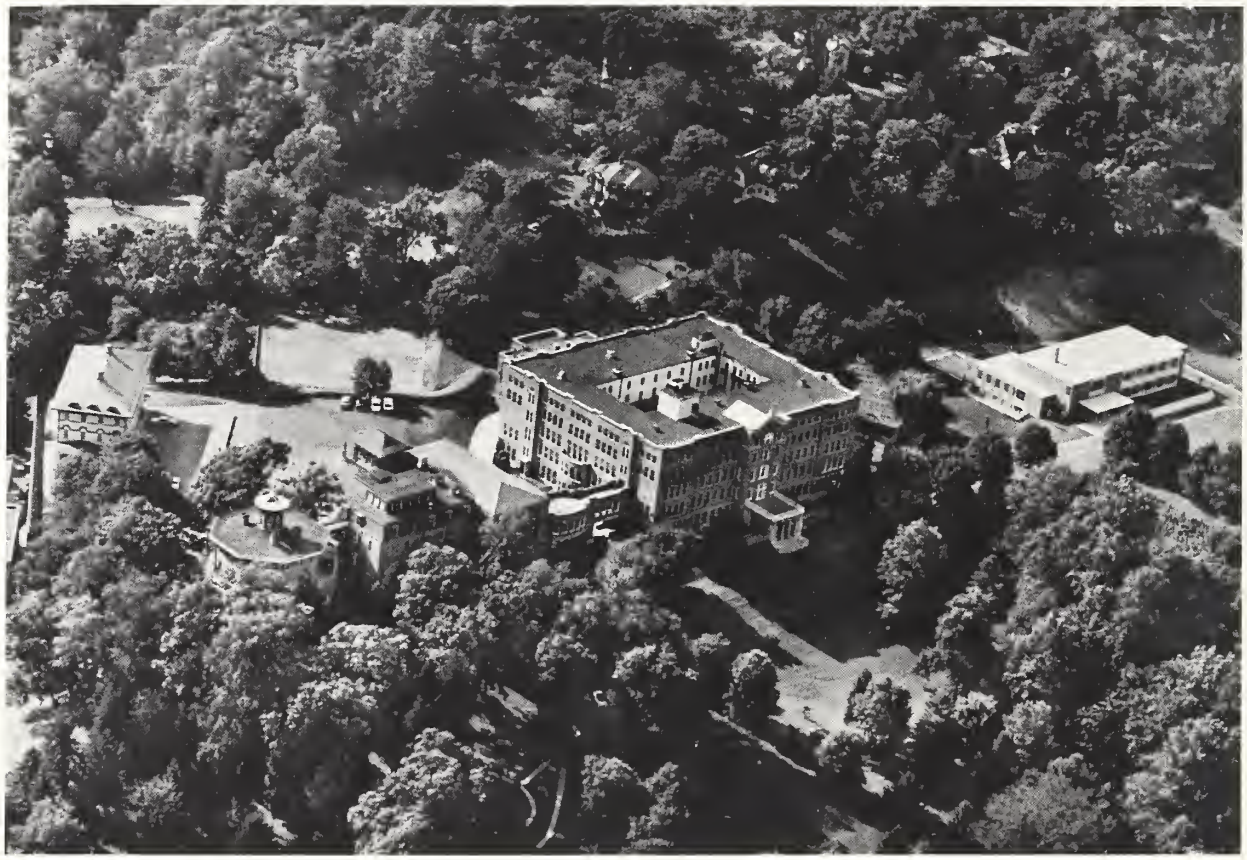
It is possible now
to be wealthy,
not rich,
with a wealth not
as tangible as
it is enduring.
We have learned
to be constructive in
our criticism,
to encourage
rather than stifle
and to be realistic
in our optimism.

Because we realize
that the culmination
of our lives lies
not in the material
but in spiritual vitality,
we can find happiness in
the circumstance of
our everyday life,
not merely as potential career girls,
but in keeping with the
character,
personality,
mind,
and heart
of a woman.
The stress is
not on preparing us
for economic independence, but . . .

for our roles as
mature, Catholic women,
who will
pass on a heritage of
faith and culture.

The wisdom and understanding
so freely willed
are not ours until
we give them to others.
For others
have invested part
of their lives in us
with a promise of
high returns in the future.

We cannot disappoint them.
Service is the tax
of our inheritance;
love
is the interest.



Yes,
we are the inheritors of wealth,
but as philanthropists
we have a tremendous responsibility.
For we at Mount Saint Agnes College
hold a blank check
for the future . . .